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November 2, 2005 7:13 PM

Representative Candice Miller U.S. House of Representatives 228 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Representative Miller:

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November 2, 2005 11:03 AM

Representative Steve Pearce U.S. House of Representatives 1607 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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The Federal Communications Commission FCC General Email Box

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Senator George Voinovich U.S. Senate 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001 FED 1 4 2006
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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

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November 2, 2005 11:43 AM

Senator John Cornyn U.S. Senate 517 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 2, 2005 12:57 PM

Senator Kay Hutchison U.S. Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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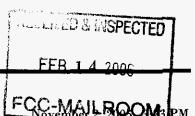
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Senator Tom Coburn U.S. Senate 172 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

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#### **Robert Douty**

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November 2, 2005 5:02 PM

Senator Rick Santorum U.S. Senate 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Santorum:

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#### Dianna Thompson

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November 2, 2005 1:16 PM

Senator Lamar Alexander U.S. Senate 302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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November 2, 2005 2:25 PM

Senator Ron Wyden U.S. Senate 230 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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